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Executive Secretary: Dr. Paul Miller, MDNR/MANTA

Members Present: \*Indicates that the Board member was present at this meeting.  
Guests Present: Ron Klauda, Emery Cleaves, Marcia Smith

## MINUTES

MWMC Quarterly Board Meeting  
USFWS Field Office  
Annapolis, MD  
October 15, 2002

Chairman Stack called the meeting to order at 10:00. The minutes of the 16 July 2002 meeting were approved with corrections.

The Board of Directors needs to come up with nominees for replacing members whose terms are over. People going off the Board in January 2003 are: Paul Jacobson, Adel Shirmahamadi, Keith VanNess, Bill Stack and Bob Shedlock.

The Board is considering amending the By-Laws to allow the Chairman and Vice-Chairman (Bill Stack and Bob Shedlock) to serve a term in office. Brian Clevenger has agree to look at the By-Laws and make a recommendation on how to modify the language to assure turn-over of members, but allow the chair and vice-chair to continue their term. Brian will send his recommendation to Board members for comment by 18 October 2002.

### **30<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of CWA. National Water Monitoring Day**

Bill Stack explained that the MWMC opted not to participate in the “Year of Clean Water” effort to monitor pH, DO, Chla, turb, chlorophyll and turbidity on October 18, 2002. The Board, instead, encourages watershed monitoring groups to sponsor some “awareness” activities. These efforts are to make connections rather than assess watershed health by synoptically sampling on October 18.

Bill Stack said the media have been contacted for the event in Baltimore where Del. Cardin is expected to attend. DNR is holding an event in the Avalon Area of Patapsco State Park.

Bill Stack has requested URLs for watershed organizations so that they could be listed as links for the MWMC web page. Mary Ellen Ley suggested that the Bay Program has a list of watershed organizations that may be used as contacts. Bill Stack has plans to put watershed organization information on MWMC web page in some form.

Bill Stack acknowledged Emery Cleaves for receiving the John Wesley Powell award from the USGS.

### **Summary of Strategic Planning Retreat**

Bill introduced Abby Markowitz who has helped attendees of the special strategic planning board meeting on September 17, 2002 at Fairland Park. Abby is a member of the NWQMC and, also, of the Methods Comparability Committee of the NWQMC.

Emery suggests that we ask the attendees at the annual meeting to list the activities that they think is important. This request will be the focus of the handout at the Annual Conference. A handout will provide a few specific items (e.g., workshops) for conference attendees to rank. Then ask them to list activities and projects that they are willing to work on. The list will be presented at the January meeting of the Board. The final list may be posted on the MWMC web page.

The Board wants two poster boards, one with the vision statement and an invitation to edit the vision statement. Another board will invite comment on what workshops we plan to sponsor and an invitation for suggestions on what attendees want done.

The results of suggestions from the annual conference will be incorporated into the MWMC Strategic Plan at a meeting set for December 4, 2002.

## **Report of the Annual Conference Committee**

Jim Cummins reported on the activities of the Annual Conference Committee. The Plenary Session will include a report on the Groundwater Workshop. Attention will be directed to the vision statement and activities on a poster board at the rear of the auditorium.

## **Monitoring and Assessment Committee Report**

Ron Klauda is working with Dan Boward and Rita Bruckler of DNR on the National Water Monitoring Day Festival on October 18, 2002 at Patapsco Valley State Park.

A Monitoring Program Roundtable is being planned for February 2003. Organizers will include everyone that is planning to monitor freshwater, non-tidal streams. The focus is on 8-digit watersheds. Ideally the participant can provide geo-positions so that a map can be produced.

## **Data Management Committee Report**

Christine Buckley has provided an intern to go through the monitoring program information to put it into a GIS map format.

Tony is trying to get someone from George Harman's staff to chair the DMC.

## **Programmatic Coordination Committee**

The PCC will be meeting on October 25, 2002. They are working on a stream restoration project database. The PCC is also, working with CBP on how their BMPs will be monitored. How are data transferred from local government to state government?

A new endeavor of the PCC is to explore how management action load reduction is related to stream water quality. The Committee is trying to find out what local governments are doing in this area and identify what needs to be done.

Bill Stack adjourned the meeting at 2pm.